ARAB STUDENT COMMITTEE
IN THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
JERUSALEM

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PALESTINIAN-ARAB STUDENTS AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM:
THE ATTACK ON THE ARAB STUDENTS COMMITTEE

"As has been demonstrated in previous years through the events that have been overcome by and the struggles that have been carried out by our people, the student movement in all parts of the homeland constitutes an important leading element in the struggle of our people against oppression in all its forms" (from the introduction to the Statement of the Arab Students Committee, published by the Arab Students Committee, the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, 6.12.1977)

Two groups ran for the elections of the new Arab Students Committee at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem on the 14.12.1977:

1. The independent group.
2. The "Arab Students Front", sponsored by the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, supported by the Communist Party-Rakah.

"In a period in which the Zionist occupation authorities are imposing their designs on the nationalist student movement in the territories occupied in 1967 in an attempt to destroy it and prevent it from fulfilling the role entrusted to it at this crucial stage in the history of our people and its just problem in this period, our student movement within the "Green Line" is also exposed to repression by the authorities and to attempts by all forces of containment to use the student movement as a force in the service of their special interests. In this domain, the Communist Party-Rakah has distinguished itself more than any other force. It represents the strongest containing force among our Palestinian masses inside. It attempts to present itself as representing (exclusively) the interests of our masses and it therefore claims that it is necessary that all forces unite under its banner. It was successful in polarizing many political forces (relevant to our struggle) including many of the Arab Students Committes and Arab Municipal Councils as well as other forces. The only two forces (committed to the Palestinian cause) that have remained independant of the Communist Party-Rakah are the Sons of the Village Movement and the Arab Students Committee at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. And in truth we must say that we are not here concerned with a show of attack on the Communist Party-Rakah, nor is it our aim to deny the many struggles it has waged

in support of the struggle of our masses, the same struggles in which we were involved not as observers but as true participants. We do not close the door before the possibility of cooperation and common action in many of such struggles, but we insit and will not compromise our right for independent and autonomous opinion". (Ibid)

Once it became clear that virulent attacks on the Arab Students Committee at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem were counter-productive, the CP-Rakah made considerable effort to take over the Committee through other means. It did no good to attack the Arab Students Committee at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem as "a bunch of madmen from the Hebrew University" who "yell and throw into the air... slogans backed by the Shin Bet (Israel secret services)", "children of Koenig, Toledano, Peres and Hillel"*. (Editorial of al-Ittihad, official Arabic organ of the CP-Rakah, 1.4.1977). Nor did it prove very effective to accuse the Committee simultaneously of nationalist chauvinism and infantile leftism.

Our adherence to principled positions concerning our national problems forced (the CP-Rakah) to retract this style of attack, especially after it witnessed that we have the power to affect its popular base, as became clear in the recent (May 1977) elections, and has been made clear in our call to boycott the elections **. (Ibid.)

* Israel Koenig is the District Commissioner of the Northern District and author of the notorious "Koenig Report". Shemuel Toledano is the former Prime Minister's Adviser on Arab Affairs. Shimon Peres is Israel's former Minister of Defense and Shlomo Hillel is Israel's former Minister of Police. Toledano, Peres and Hillel lost their positions with the rise of the Likkud Bloc to government power in Israel. Dr. Israel Koenig's position has rather been strengthened under the new Government. Being a National Religious Party nominee, his authority as District Commissioner for the Northern District has not been affected by the change in the Government coalition after the May 1977 elections. The National Religious Party participation in the Cabinet is as crucial for a Likkud coalition Government as it has been for a Labour Party coalition Government.

** The Arab STudents Committee at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem published before May 1977 a "Call to the Sons of Our Palestinian People", highly critical of the CP-Rakah and its Democratic Front for Peace and Equality and ending with the slogans: "No to the elections for the Zionist parliament! No to all the conspiracies which are woven to impose surrender on our people! Long live our Palestinian-Arab people and long live its fighting unity! (Mid-May, 1977). It was commonly expected that the CP-Rakah sponsored Front would win anything between 7-10 seats in Parliament at the May 1977 elections. In fact it won only 5 seats. It seems clear that the Arab Students Committee "Call" represented a considerable body of opinion within the Palestinian-Arab electorate in pre-1967 Israel.

At this stage, the CP-Rakah embarked upon an attempt to take over the Arab Students Committee at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, or at least control it to a sufficient degree in order to put an end to its critical autonomy. Towards this end the Party sponsored the creation of the "Arab Students Front" which ran for the elections to the Arab Students Committee in Jerusalem against the independent group. The attempt failed abjectly. On the 14.12.1977, elections took place both at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the University of Haifa, whose Arab Students Committee was until then firmly under the CP-Rakah control. The independent group won an woverwhelming victory. All eleven seats in the Arab Students Committee at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and seven out of the eleven seats at the Arab Students Committee at the University of Haifa were won by the independent leadership.

The significance of the independent victory in the Arab students elections in Jerusalem and Haifa did not go unnoticed. The Arab student movement and the Arab Students Committee at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem have since been under almost incessant attack by the press, the General Federation of Students and the Hebrew University authorities.

The first to sound the attack were an unidentified group of students at the H.U. in Jerusalem who distributed shortly after the election a leaflet directed to "the indefferent student at the H.U. in Jerusalem". The leaflet read as follows:

> Last week elections for the Arab Students Federation (sic) took place at the H.U. Three parties (sic) participated in the elections:
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> - a party associated with the Labour Party - Mapam Alignment,
> - a party associated with Rakah, and
> - a party which supports the organization of the Popular Front for the Libertation of Palestine which is headed by George Habash.
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> The results of the elections for the 12(sic) seats are as follows:
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> Labour Party - Mapam Alignment - 0
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> Rakah - 0
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> Pop. Front for the Lib. of Pal.- 12.
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> This movement, which gained absolute majority - a stronger majority cannot be conceived - wrote on its banner the call for the total destruction

of the Jewish state of Israel and the establishment of a Palestinian-Arab state. It gives its unqualified support to a murder organization which is not averse to murder women, old men and children. Approximately 100 % of the Arab students who participated in the elections gave their vote to a party which advocates the destruction of our state, and which does not recognize at all the state of Israel as a sovereign state with right to exist, and definitely not Jerusalem and the H.U. where they study.

We want to remind you that every year many thousands of Jewish students who have completed their military service are forced to pursue their studies abroad because of lack of vacant places at the universities in the country, whereas students who do not recognize the state and its educational institutions, and who would like to witness its destruction, occupy a considerable portion of these places.

Student!

While you sit quietly, subversive action is taken in public against you and your state through this association and its organ "Al-Tali'a", which is recognized by the University authorities. We call that this Association be declared illegal and turn to all those Arab students who gave it their vote and support to leave the University immediately and transfer their studies to the universities of Damascus and Bagdad.

Do not throw this page. Circulate it among your friends.

Thank you for your attention.

A Group of Concerned Students!

The Likkud Student Section at the H.U. in Jerusalem followed suit in a leaflet entitled:

> The Rulers of Damascus and the H.U. are the Only Bodies in the Middle East that Recognize the Rejection Front. We call upon the University to withdraw its recognition from the body known as "The Arab Students Committee" which represents the extreme elements in the rejection front. We call upon the people and the state not to noursih the Fifth Column in our midst. We call the sane among the Arab students to join us in our struggle.

The lesflet was signed by "The Special Action Headquarters".

Next the Student Federation at the H.U. in Jerusalem which is the representative of the general student body and is dominated by the Likkud affiliated student list, utilized its official weekly organ Pi ha-Aton ("The Ass's Mouth") to inflame the attack. It interviewed the newly elected Chairman of the Jerusalem Arab Student Committee Mr. Mahmud Muharib and published sections of the interview under the front-page headlines:

> Mahmud Muharib, the New Chairman of the Arab Students Committee: "We are the Rejection Front".

The headlines were taken out of the following statement:

> We are the rejection fron against the Israeli oppression of the Palestinian Arab people. We are the rejection front against the confiscation of lands, demolition of houses, and against all imperialist solutions which disregard the legitimate rights of the Palestinian Arab people. The state of Israel was established by the Zionist movement with imperialist support and odes not represent the right of self-determintaion of the Jewish people. We will support the establishment of an independent Palestinian authority under the leadership of the PLO in every part of Palestine that will be liberated ... (Pi ha-Aton, 28.12.1977)

So much for Pi ha-Aton's professional journalism and professional ethics.

But this was just the beginning. Yehuda Litani, one of Haaretz leading correspondents on Arab affairs provided his readership with extensive translations of the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee publication Ra'i al-Tali'a ("The Opinion of the Pioneer") under the title of:

> The Dark Extreminsm of the "Opinion of the Pioneer": First Publication of the Contents of the Organ of Extreme Arab Students in Jerusalem.

where he libelously claims that Ra'i al-Tali'a "is circulated, it seems, by clandestine means, and Jewish students at the university have no way of obtaining a copy of the publication". (Haaretz, 6.1.1978*).

And Qasim Zayd, the Palestinian-Arab Quisling of the United Labour Party - Mapam followed suit in the Mapam Hebrew official dayly Al ha-Mishmar ("On

* Haaretz is the Israeli Hebrew equivalent of the London Times.

the Guard") under the title:

Students for Incitement Incorporated (Al ha-Mishmar, 10.1.1978).

The attacks, however, reached a new hysterical peak when it was published that the Jerusalem Arab Student Committee applied for permit to hold a demonstration before the Knesset (Parliament) against President Sadat's "peace initiative" and the sell-out of the Palestinian cause. The Committee, in fact, planned two public events. One, a public meeting on the subject of President Sadat's "peace initiative", and for that purpose, official application was submitted to the appropriate authorities at the H.U. requesting Canda Hall in the University campus for the evening of Tuesday Jan 17th. Two separate application was submitted to the police and the Knesset Guard authorities requesting permission to hold a demonstration before the Knesset on Wednesday, Jan 18th, under slogans conderring the Sadat initiative and the sell-out of the cause of Palestine. It is also important to note that the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee had a standing agreement with the university authorities whereby one of the halls on campus (in the Mazer Building) would be regularly made available to the Committee on Wednesday evenings. Although never seeking official recognition from the University authorities, the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee enjoyed de facto recognition. Ironically, just a few days after the electic of the new Committee, Prof. A. Poliakov-Meibar, Dean of Students, wrote on official H.U. letterpaper a letter addressed to:

Mr. Mahmud Muharib
Chairman
The Arab Students Committee
The Hebrew University
The Reznick Student Halls 9/106
Mount Scopus,
Jerusalem

The letter, dated 20.12.1977, requested the Committee's assistance in aiding research currently carried out at the University of Haifa on the subject of "higher education in the Arab sector in Israel".

The intention of the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee to hold the demostration

featured prominently in all major Israeli papers. The leading evening dayly Maariv (16.1.1978) quoted the Deputy Chairman of the Student Federation at the H.U. in Jerusalem, Mr. Moshe Schiff who said that Jewish students are planning a counter demostration, and that the leaders of the Federation had "urgent consultations with memebers of Parliament, and have yesterday met the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Zebulun Hammer, and the Prime Minister Advisor on Arab Affairs, Dr. Moshe Sharon". The paper quoted H.U. sources as saying that the University adheres to freedom of speech "but will not offer a platform or its good services to those who advocate the destruction of Israel" (Maariv, 16.1.1978). Yediot Aharonot reported on the same day in its campus page Dorban("Sting") that:

> Towards the end of last week a meeting was held between the President of the H.U. and representatives of the Student Federation. After the meeting it was reported that the University administration considers with great gravity the information submitted to it by the Jewish students and undertook to examine the subject in the next few days (Yediot Aharonot, 16.1.1978).

Yediot Aharonot reports under separate news-item of the same day (16.1.1978) that "the leaders of the Students Federation reported that they have information to the effect that Arab students who are identified with the rejection front, are planning a large demonstration against the state of Israel. Against this demonstration, Jewish students are organizing for a counter demonstration". (YA, 16.1.1978).

Yediot Aharonot again reported the following day on "fear of bloody clashes between Arab and Jewish students in the campus" (YA, 17.1.1978). And Haaretz knew to report on rumours circulating among sutdents about a demonstration planned for the following day (Wednesday) "on the lawns of the university campus by 400 Arab students who identify themselves with the positions of the rejection front" (Haaretz, 17.1.1978).

Further, the official weekly organ of the Jerusalem Students Federation Pi ha-Aton, knew to report in its 18.1.1978 issue that "rumours were widespread throughout the Jerusalem campus about the demostration that will take place today before the Hilton Hotel, where the Peace Committee is in convention,

but Arab students strongly denied this report"(Pha-A 18.1.1978). Pi ha -Aton further reports that "Special forces of the Police and the Border Police were put on a alert in order to be ready to face any violent developments on the campus" (P ha-A, 18.1.1978). Also Haaretz of the same day reports on "demonstrations are planned to take place today at noon in the Jerusalem campus ... against the background of the opposition of extreme Arab elementsto the peace initiative in the Middle East" (Haaretz, 18.1.1978).

The official weekly organ of the Likkud Bloc controlled Student Federation at the H.U. in Jerusalem, Pi ha-Aton played a particularly prominent role in the attack on the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee. In its 18.1.1978 issue it knew to report on:

> rumours about the planning of a violent demonstration by the Arab Students Committee, whose object is to inflame passion and cause bloody clashes which will gain extensive coverage in the mass media and serve the propaganda aims of the supporters of George Habash... (There are) rumours about the formation of an extreme Jewish action group which holds addresses of Arab sutdents and plans take violent action in case of clashes on the campus ...(P ha-A, 18.1.1978)

And earlier, in its 28.12.1977 issue, Pi ha-Aton published a feature essay by Arik Binder, which said inter alia:

> It is inconcievable that those who deny the right of existence of the state of Israel will enjoy here the benefits of academic education and University services as well as membership in the Student Federation like any other student. The University authorities and the Student Federation must consider the possibility of removing any student who openly identifies with the rejection front. On the other hand, those elements who are willing to live here as citizens in every respect without denying their right to take pride in their nationality and culture must be encouraged... (P ha-A, 28.12.1977).

For those who are not sufficiently acquainted with the political reality of Palestinian-Arabs under Isreali rule, this malicious campaign against the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee would be almost incomprehensible. One can hardly believe that such hysterical and deliberately instigated campaign of

incitement based on the publication of outright lies and baseless rumours could be triggered off by an application submitted to the police and the Israeli Parliament (Knesset) Guard for permission to hold a demonstration against the Sadat "peace initiative" and the sell-out of the cause of Palestine. The Jerusalem Arab Students Committee did not have in this case the slightest intention of holding any form of illegal demonstration - would its application been turned down, as in fact it was - not within the campus and not outside the campus and definitely not before the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel. The attack on the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee, the warnings in the press against the possibility of illegal demonstrations allegedly planned by the Arab Student Committee within or outside the Jerusalem campus, and hence the warning against possible bloody clashes, were all based on deliberate fabrications and lies.

> We, Arab students, being a part of the Palestinian-Arab people, have always been accused of aiming to throw the Jews into the sea. But when the signatories of (a) leaflet addressed to the Arab students say: "We... turn to all those Arab students who gave (the Arab Students Committee) their vote and support to leave the University immediately and transfer their studies to the Universities of Damascus and Baghdad" - this indeed does not imply throwing into the sea, but unfortunately it does indeed imply very strongly, throwing into the desert... (Response of the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee, Pi ha-Aton 18.1.1978)

Under the weight of the public and press attack on the Arab Students Committee at the H.U. in Jerusalem led by the most extreme right wing elements within and outside the campus, first the University authorities abolished the standing arrangement through which facilities were made available to the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee at the Mazer Building on campus. Then, on Monday, Jan.15th, the University authorities cancelled the permission given to the Committee in writing to hold their meeting at the Canada Hall on Tuesday, Jam.16th. The police and the Knesset Guard authorities refused to authorize the planned demonstration, although, ironically, just a few days earlier Gush Emunim dismantled its tent site before the Prime Minister's Offices, just a few hundred yards away, which was set up for a week or so in protest against

the Israeli government proposed "peace plan" and the sell out of the cause of Zionism. Needless to say that Gush Emunim had no difficulty in obtaining the necessary permits.

The Student Federation at the H.U. in Jerusalem fly-posted all over the campus huge announcements, one addressed to the Arab Student calling upon "every sane Arab student not to be dragged into the provocation of the extreme Arab Students Committee and not to participate on Wednesday in the demonstration directed to sabotage the peace efforts and deny the right of the state of Israel to exist" and one addressed to the student public stating as follows:

> A number of extremists from among the Arab students, who identify with the rejection front of the terrorist organizations are organizing on Wednesday a demonstration whose slogan is the undermining of the existence of the state and causing damage to the peace efforts of the epople of Israel and Egypt. The Student Federation took action last week at the University, the Knesset and the Government in order to prevent the occurance of riots on campus. AS result of this action the Standing Committee of the University accepted the request of the Student Federation and decided to withdraw any form of recognition from the Arab Student Committee as well as deny from it a platform from which to conduct incitement in the campus.

The only sane voice on campus, except for the voice of the Arab Students Committee (see below) was the voice of the Campus Group, who distributed the following statement throughout the University:

STUDENT STOP!

> The Student Federation and the "Likkud" people again incite against Arab students. They threaten with "violent counter-demonstrations" without doing anything to stop them. Against this (development) it is our duty to remember also today taht freedom of thought, expression and organization are the test of every democracy. As Voltaire said: " Even if I do not agree to a single word of your statement, I am willing to die in defense of your right to speak ourt".
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> Those who carry out a political witch-hunt today, those who threaten with violence - they will bear responsibility for "bloodshed" in the campus.

A few words concerning the political debate: Two peoples live in this country - Jewish and Arab-Palestinian.

We reject the position of Arabs who do not recognize the existence of a Jewish people and its national rights. But we must not forget that the "Likkud" people not only refuse to recognize the national rights of the Arab-Palestinian people, but insit on the continuation of the occupation and the military rule over this people, even when a possibility for peace is opening un. We know only one way for peace and co-existence: mutual recognition of the nationhood of both peoples of the country and the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside the state of Israel. The University must not become an arena for brawls between Jews and Arabs. Let us transform it to a focus of mutual understanding and mutual respect between both peoples.

For Jewish-Arab brotherhood

CAMPUS

Gross distortion and incitement in the press notwithstanding, the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee had, as already noted above, no intentions to hold an illegal demostration. Having obtained, however, official permit from the University authorities to hold its public meeting at the Canada Hall on campus on Tuesday, Jan.17th, it went ahead with the organization of this event. Heated discussions between the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee and the various University authorities - including the President Mr. Abraham Harmann at his offices- took place on Monday, Jan. 16th, following the decision of the University to cancel its written permit for the public meeting at the Canada Hall on the following day. Given the hysterical attack on the Committee within and outside the campus, it was decided to shift the meeting to the halls of St. Joseph l'Apparition Monastry, whose upper floors serve as students hostel for Arab students in Jerusalem. Miss Bie, Director of the St. Joseph Students' Hostel found it appropriate under the circumstances to address a letter to the Arab Students Committee at the H.U. in Jerusalem and deliver it by hand to the Committee on Tuesday Jan. 17th. The letter read as follows:

> Dear Friends,
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> We shall be very happy to continue to provide you with a room for your

Committee meetings during the coming year. This opportunity is renewable every year from the 1st of February to the 31st of January. You can use the big hall or the room next to the hall at least once a week ...

Wishing you courage and perseverance

Yours truly

Miss Bie

It is clear from the attacks cited above that the press as well as the Hebrew University authorities and the Student Federation have taken our public and stated positions on the problem of our people and its right for self-determination and return to its homeland and used them in order to instigate a campaign of incitement against us on the grounds that we are advocating the destruction of the state of Israel.

The positions of the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee have been clearly stated in public in leaflets and brochures in Arabic and Hebrew. The English translation of our latest leaflet, published jointly with the Arab Students Committee at the University of Haifa and the Sons of the Village Movement, is appended to this brochure. We wish to repeat again that we are opposed to Zionist ideology and practice. We are opposed to the continued existence of the state of Israel as a Jewish state, since this necessarily entails the systematic oppression, dispossession and expulsion of our Palestinian-Arab people from its homeland. It is, however, simply a fact that we have never issued a statement in which we expressed our opposition to the continued existence of the state of Israel per se.

We therefore strongly condemn the H.U. authorities and in particular its Standing Committee for irresponsibly condoning the right wing witch-hunt against us through its statement to the effect that it has withdrawn its recognition from the Arab Students Committee

> subsequent to the inciting activities of a body claiming to be the Arab Students Committee, among which were the distribution of a pamphlet containing material that denies the existence of the state of Israel and incites for violent action against it, as well as an activity carried our in one of the University halls whose program contained racist incitement. The Standing Committee emphasizes that the University adhers to freedom of speech, but will not offer platform or services to those who advocate the destruction of the state of Israel and incite for violence. (Quoted in Pi ha-Aton, 18.1.1978)

TO ALL STUDENT UNIONS

TO ALL DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Friends,

Our Arab student movement in the country is currently subject to a hysterical attack by the extreme right as well as the University authorities and the Government. The attack is primarily directed against the ARab Student Committee at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, which was elected into office by popular democratic vote on Dec. 14, 1977. The object of this attack is to deny from us our basic right of freedom of expression in all that relates to the recent political events in our area, and to deny our legal right to defend the cause of our Palestinian-Arab people and its right for national self-determination and return.

During the previous weeks, the Arab Students Committee at the H.U. in Jerusalem, planned a demonstration before the Zionist Parliament (Knesset) and a public meeting within the University campus on the subject of the recent developments in the area.

We were faced with a concentrated campaign of hysterical incitement by the mass media, as well as by the University authorities and the Likkud Bloc controlled Student Federation.

We were prevented from carrying out our plans. The University authorities published a statement in which it announced that it will no longer cooperate with the Jerusalem Arab Students Committee and will not permit the Arab Students Committe to engage in any form of activity inside the campus.

We condemn the University administration for this thoughtless statement which was issued subsequent to its surrender to pressures put to bear upon it by the extreme right. Our Arab student movement will continue its legal and just struggle against all forms of repression of our freedom, and will

continue to fulfill its duty in defense of our just cause.

We seek the urgent support of all democratic and progressive Student Unions and organizations in our struggle against these attacks. We need your assistance and solidarity.

Raise your voices with us in defense of democratic freedoms, and most basically, the freedom of speech and organization.

The Arab Students Committee
Jerusalem

P.S.

We apologize to the reader for the typographical errors. Because of a technical mishap the stenciles were printed before proof-reading.

We would also very much appreciate contributions to help us cover the costs of this publication.

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APPENDIX

DOWN WITH THE CONSPIRACY

The last few years have witnessed an intensification of the efforts of the imperialism and its allies in the area to liquidate our Palestinian problem and tame our Arab masses in order to secure the continuation of imperialist domination.

And among the most prominent features of this imperialist effort was the attempt to impose surrender solutions on the area on the basis of the UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, which are incompatible with the rights and the interests of our Palestinian-Arab people and our Arab nation.

In order to carry this liquidationist design through, imperialism utilized all its agents to act out their different roles in this single conspiracy. In order to secure Arab silence in the face of this conspiracy imperialist agents in the Lebanon, representing the separatist forces, with the assistance of Zionism and the lackey Arab regimes, executed the fascist massacres against our Palestinian-Arab people and its revolution as well as the masses of the Lebanese people and its national movement. The Arab regimes too utilized all their propaganda agencies to brainwash the Arab person in an attempt to convince him of the possibility of co-existance with the historical enemies of the nation, and of the uselessness of the struggle against them to liberate the Arab riches, Arab land and Arab nation.

The Sadat regime played an important role in the execution of this liquidation design. This regime, which had led Egypt after the death of Abd al-Nasir away from the ranks of the nationalist states into the fold of the reactionary states, which are tied to imperialism - this regime has chosen the road of repression of the popular movement in Egypt, alliance with reaction, repression of the Arab liberation movements with the Palestinian revolution and the Lebanese national movement at their forefront during the civil war, which, this regime, in order to cover-up the Sinai Agreements, escalated deliberately by supporting the separatist forces. It pursued these policies under the cover of nationalist slogans which in fact are empty of any content.

After the October war, which was waged by Sadat in order to break the deadlock in the area and open possibilities for direct negotiations, thereby denying the pure blood shed for the just Arab problem and after the first and second disengagement agreements, Sadat opened a new page in the history of

treason. For the first time in the history of the Arab nation, an Arab leader ventured a visit in the occupied homeland in public.

Sadat's visit to the Zionist Parliament is the crowning of his road of treason and a final renouncement by him of any national commitment and an opening to a chain of dangerous concessions which are contradictory even to his own public pronouncements in the past. This became clear in Sadat's speeches and in his positions concerning the PLO, the only legal representative of the Palestinian-Arab people. Sadat was not satisfied merely to attack the PLO, but violated the Rabat resolutions and gave a group of agents who crowded into his capital the right to represent our people, aiming thereby to liquidate teh PLO.

These feverish attempts by the Sadat regime and jis masters to liquidate the PLO and create agent alternatives to it, are directed towards the imposition of surrender solutions and the final liquidation of our Palestinian proglem. And Begin's proposals and the game of "home rule" for the West Bank with ties to the Kusemite regime and the Zionist entity is a clear illustration of the case - and all this passes off under the banner of implementation of just peace!!! Just peace will not be implemented except through the recovery by the Palestinian - Arab people of its legitimate national rights and all the conspirancies which are now woven against us are destined to failure.

We, as an inalienable part of the Palestinian-Arab people raise our voice loud and clear declaring our rejection of this conspiracy and all liquidationist programs and designs. We further declare that this group of agents and its delegations does not represent anything except the will of their masters, and that the sole representative of our Palestinian-Arab people is the PLO.

The national duty today requires from the masses of our Palestinian people that it confront with determination and with awareness these designs and the attempts to circumvent the PLO as our sole legitimate representative and reject all imperialist settlements which threaten the legitimate right of our people.

Down with the imperialist Zionist reactionary conspiracy!
Long live the determination of our Palestinian-Arab people!

The Sons of the Village movement
The Arab Students Committee - Jerusalem
The Arab Students Committee - Haifa

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הלך הרוח" בקרב הסטו־
דנטים הערביים בירושלים
הגיע ל„שיאים" באיזה שנה־
לה החשש להתנגשות דמים
ביניהם ובין הסטודנטים ה־
יהודיים בקמפוס — כשה־
רוב היהודי החל פותח מ־
פגרות־זוטא מצדו של מר־
צע חבריהם הערביים. חז־
יון שהוא בבחינת שיא
אפילו בקורות האטמרד ה־
ישראליים.

ואם כי אשמים בכך —
יותר מהסטודנטים הערביים
ה„עולים עלינו" — המוס־
דות האוניברסיטאיים ה־
מקלטתיים הכלליים של ג׳נ־
שלא טיפלו במהרה צרורה
זו בר א ש י ת ה. לא כראי
עוה דרון בכך ובצדיק
להחליט, ובהר, איך למנוע
בעיות כרגע.
וכאשר זה יחלוף יצטר־
כו המוסדות המוסמכים
שלנו בשיתוף עם הסטודנ־
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ועדת־הקבע של האוניברסיטה העברית
נדחתה בקשת „ועד הסטודנ
הערביים" לאולם למפגשות

„ועד" זה כ־מסית להשמדתה של ישראל

(ע). האוניברסיטה העברית לא
תיענה לבקשת „ועד הסטודנטים
הערביים" לקבל את אחד מאר־
גמות האוניברסיטה אהמלץ „ועדי־
הקבע של האוניברסיטה, שדנה
בבקשה בישיבתה, שהתקיימה ב־
מבקשת הסטודנטים הערבים, כי
הסכירו על עצמו כ„ועד ה־
„אחדות הסטודנטים הערבים".
„ועד" זה, שהוקם בשלהי חו־
„ועד הקבע חוכיח, שכוב הסטוד־
סליניות אחרות מהוות הכנה אמתי־
סיה, האוניברסיטה מתרחקת מכל ד־
הסטודנטים והחלטות הנוגעות לה־
הסטודנטים